

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
GUIDELINES FOR AMBULANCES, FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS
MINIMUM EQUIPMENT LIST

Vehicle Classes: **A-1, A-1A, A-2 (TRANSPORT VEHICLES)**

Class A-1: Advanced and Basic Life Support
Class A-1A: Advanced Life Support limited and Basic Life Support
Class A-2: Basic Life Support Only

A. **Communications Equipment:**

Each ambulance shall have a mechanism for two-way communication system based on its classification as follows:

1. Every ambulance shall have as minimum a two-way voice communications system between the vehicle and its dispatcher.
2. Every Class A-1, Class A-1A and Class A-2 Ambulance shall have a two-way voice communications system between the vehicle and a hospital emergency department.

B. **Medical Equipment and Supplies:**

1. Portable suction apparatus with wide-bore tubing and rigid pharyngeal suction tip. The suction unit may be battery or oxygen powered or V-Vac type suction.
2. Hand-operated bag-valve mask ventilation unit in adult, child and infant sizes. Clear masks are preferable.
3. Oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airways in adult, child and infant sizes.
4. Portable oxygen cylinder (min. 1)
5. Oxygen therapy equipment: connective tubing, nasal cannulas, simple plastic face mask and non-rebreather mask in adult, child and infant sizes.
6. Esophageal obturator airway with mask and replacement tube.
7. Small volume Nebulizer with Reservoir (1).
8. Bite stick either commercial or made of tongue blades taped together and padded.
9. Trauma dressings (min. 3)
10. Sterile gauze pads in assorted sizes.
11. Soft roll self-adhering type bandage (Kling) in assorted sizes.
12. Adhesive tape or equivalent in assorted sizes.
13. Triangular bandages (cravats) (min. 6).
14. Shears or scissors.
15. Blood pressure cuffs (adult, child and infant).
16. Stethoscope (min. 1)
17. Cervical collars in (S, M, L, P) sizes.

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18. Cervical immobilization device (i.e. Ferno-Washington).
19. Disposable latex safe gloves. (Effective Sept. 30, 2001, all latex gloves will be removed from licensed EMS vehicles and replaced with latex safe gloves)
20. Disposable isolation kits (2). Kit must contain (1) gown, (1) protective goggle (1) pair gloves, (1) mask, (1) head cover and (1) biohazard bag.
21. N-95 Respirator Masks (5)
22. Biohazard (sharps) container.
23. Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (PASG) (min. 1-Adult).
Non-inflatable garments are not acceptable.
24. Broselow tape or equivalent.
25. Thermometer (rectal) (1).
26. Stretcher with mattress having a waterproof covering and 3 mounted straps.
27. Drive shaft hanger: A drive shaft hanger shall be provided on all vehicles to protect against pole vaulting in the event of drive shaft or U-joint failure. In the case where there is a split drive shaft, a hanger must be present on both drive shafts.
28. Triangular reflectors and/or flares (min. 3).
29. Child restraint seat (newborn-4 years)
30. Sterile burn sheets (min. 2).
31. Traction splinting device (min. 1) i.e. Hare, Sager or equivalent.
32. One short spine board with all necessary accessories. Commercially prepared devices such as the Kendrick Extrication Device (KED) are acceptable.
33. One long spineboard with four straps.
34. Two or more splints, which may be, padded board, ladder splints, or cardboard splints.
35. Sterile obstetrical kit (1).
36. Medications as authorized by the Department of Health per the R.I. Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders.
37. * EMERGENCY/EXTRICATION TOOL KIT COMPRISED OF:
 - A. 1 open-end adjustable wrench (preferably 12 inch)
 - B. 1 screwdriver regular blade (preferably 12 inch)
 - C. 1 screwdriver, Phillips type (preferably 12 inch)
 - D. 1 hacksaw with blades
 - E. 1 pliers, vise-grip type
 - F. 1 hammer (3 pound)
 - G. 1 crowbar (at least 24 inch)
 - H. 1 battery cable cutter
 - I. 2 ropes (at least ½ inch diameter, 50 feet long)
 - J. 2 pair safety goggles
 - K. 2 class ABC fire extinguisher at least 5 lbs.
 - L. Work Gloves (effective July 1, 2002)
38. DEFIBRILLATION SERVICES: AED or Manual Defibrillator. Manual Defibrillators must be capable of waveform display and strip chart recorder.

39. ENDOTRACHEAL INTUBATION EQUIPMENT: Vehicles equipped with endotracheal intubation equipment must include an endotracheal tube placement verification device (effective January 1, 2001.)

CLASS A-2 VEHICLES MUST HAVE ALL THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT.

40. Manual defibrillator unit with rhythm waveform display, strip chart recorder and synchronized cardioversion capability.
41. Sterile intravenous solutions of Normal Saline and Lactated Ringer's (min. 2 each no smaller than 250 ml.).
42. Intravenous solution administration kit (min. 4). (1 kit must contain a 100-ml volumetric burette).
Services utilizing IV admixture medications must have a flow-regulating device (i.e. Dial-A-Flow)
43. I.V. catheters, I.V. access device (optional), syringes, needles and blood collection tubes in assorted sizes. (Minimum 1 50 or 60 ml syringe).
44. 3-Way or 4-Way Stopcock (1).
45. Medications as authorized by the Department of Health per the RI Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders.

CLASS A-1 AND A-1A VEHICLES MUST HAVE ALL THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT.

* All private ambulance companies are excluded from carrying the emergency extrication tool kit, with exception of Class A-1 or A-1A vehicles (8/84) (4/91) (8/95).

CURRENT MEDICATIONS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PER R.I. PREHOSPITAL CARE PROTOCOLS AND STANDING ORDERS.

Vehicle Classes A-1, A-1A and A-2

EMT-B/I MEDICATIONS:

- A. Acetaminophen suppositories (325 mg) (min. 6)
- B. Activated Charcoal (50gm) unit dose (1)
- C. Albuterol 2.5 mg (0.083% solution) (1)
- D. Aspirin 320-500mg (min.2000mg)
- E. Calcium Gluconate gel **(Optional)**
- F. Epinephrine 1:1000: ampules or vial for nebulized treatment (min. 5mg/5ml)
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- G. Glucagon **(optional)**
- H. Glucose, oral **(optional)**
- I. Syrup of Ipecac

Vehicle Classes A-1, A-1A

EMT-C MEDICATIONS: all of the medications as above in addition to:

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| A. Adenosine (min. 3) | K. Hydrocortisone Sodium Succinate 100mg.(2) |
| B. Antacid (optional) | L. Lasix |
| C. Atropine | M. Lidocaine |
| D. Benadryl,oral and injectable | N. Midazolam (optional) |
| E. Bretylium (optional) | O. Morphine (optional) |
| F. Dextrose 25% (D25W, D25) (optional) | P. Naloxone |
| G. Dextrose 50% | Q. Nitroglycerin, tablet or oral spray |
| H. Dopamine (optional) | R. Sodium Bicarbonate |
| I. Epinephrine 1:10,000 | S. Terbutaline (optional) |
| J. Glucagon | T. Thiamine |
| | U. Valium (optional) |
| | V. Valium, rectal gel preparation (optional) |

EMT-P MEDICATIONS: All of the medications as above in addition to:

- A. Calcium Chloride 500mg
- B. Diltiazem 40mg
- C. Phenobarbital **(optional)**
- D. Tetracaine HCL **(optional)**
- E. Verapamil 15mg

NOTE: The following medications should be under double lock and key:

Morphine-Schedule II
Valium-Schedule IV
Midazolam-Schedule IV
Phenobarbital-Schedule IV

LATEX SAFE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following equipment and supplies as applicable to class A vehicles shall be latex safe effective **July 1, 2003:**

- Blood pressure cuffs (adult, child, infant)
- Stethoscopes
- Tourniquets
- Bag Valve Mask Ventilation Unit (adult, child, infant)
- Non-Rebreather Oxygen Mask (adult, child,)
- Nasal Canula (adult, child,)
- Oral Airways (adult, child, infant)
- Nasal Airways (adult, child, infant)
- Endotracheal tubes (all sizes)
- Intravenous tubing
- Syringes
- Catheters
- Injection Ports
- Surgical masks